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In re Patent Application of: Graves, Alan F.; Cunningham, Ian M.; Stark, Ryan; Felske, Kent E.; Hobbs, Chris; Watkins, John H.

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 20231

Response to Office Action

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 20, 2005 having a three-month reply date of December 20, 2005. A First Reply was filed within two-month of the mailing date of the Final Office Action on November 18, 2005. An Advisory Action was mailed on January 25, 2006.

This amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. The Applicant also hereby requests and petitions for a one-month extension of time up to including February 25, 2006 pursuant to MPEP 706.07. The appropriate extension of time fee in the amount of \$120.00 and the RCE fee in the amount of \$790.00 are being charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1644 as authorized in the Request for Continued Examination Transmittal which is being facsimile-transmitted herewith. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application.

Amendment

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment.